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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended): A skeleton drum around which a sheet can be wound and fixed,

the drum comprising:

(a) a rotating shaft;

(B) a plurality of wide cylindrical supports, each support having a support surface for

supporting the sheet and being arranged so as to be coaxial with the rotating shaft such that an

interval, which is smaller than a width of the each said wide cylindrical support, is formed

between the supports; and

(C) a plurality of chucks for pressing a leading edge and a trailing edge of the sheet

toward the rotating shaft.

12. (original): The drum of claim 11, wherein the drum is for fixing the sheet when the

sheet is to be scan-exposed.

13. (original): The drum of claim 11, wherein the support surface of each support is

disposed on an imaginary cylindrical surface coaxial with the rotating shaft.

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14. (original): The drum of claim 11, wherein the support surface of each support extends around a periphery of the drum.

15. (currently amended): The drum of claim 11, wherein the <u>plurality of chucks include a</u> leading edge chuck <u>configured to for pressing</u> the leading edge of the sheet <u>towards the rotating shaft disposed at a first location on the support surface of the plurality of cylindrical supports, and a trailing edge chuck <u>configured for to pressing</u> the trailing edge of the sheet <u>towards the rotating shaft disposed at a second location on the support surface of the plurality of cylindrical supports.</u></u>

16.-20. (canceled).